

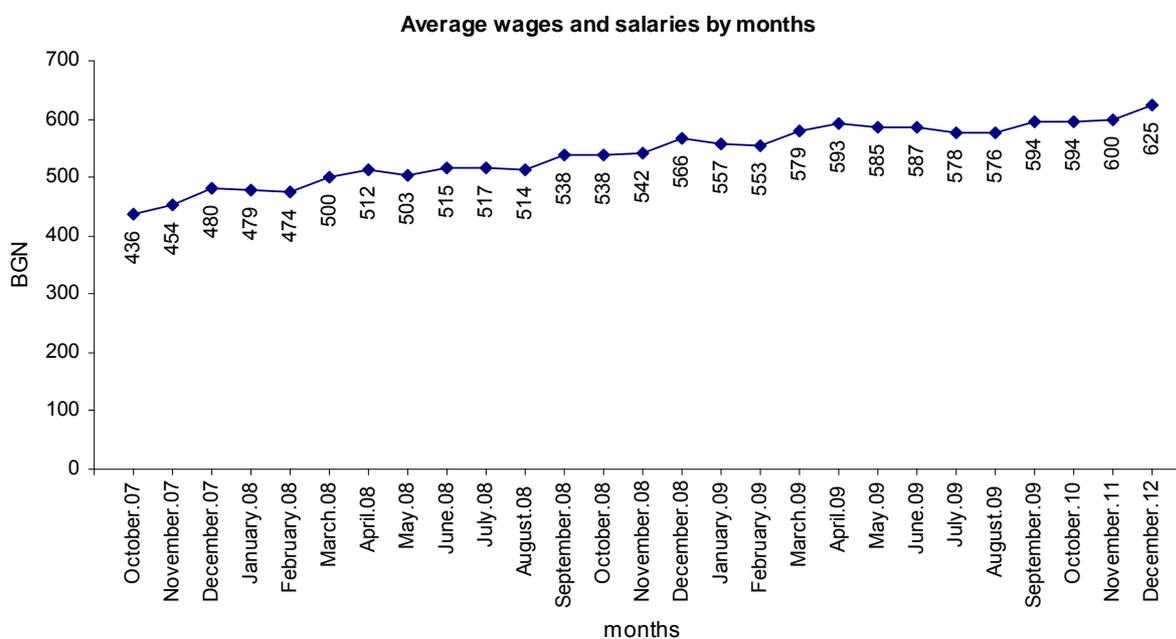
EMPLOYEES UNDER LABOUR CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES AND SALARIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2009¹

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute (NSI) the number of employees under labour contract at the end of December 2009 decreased by 84 th. or 3.6% as compared to the end of September 2009 and reached to 2.25 millions. The highest decrease was reported in economic activities “Accommodation and food service activities” - 16.7%, “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 16.6% and “Construction” - 9.0%.

In the structure of employees by economic activities the biggest relative share of employees was in “Manufacturing” - 23.1% and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 18.9%, where the number of employees at the end of December 2009 compared to September 2009 decreased by 3.9% and 1.2% respectively.

At the end of December 2009 as compared to December 2008 the number of employees under labour contract was declined by 182 th. or 7.5%. The highest decrease in absolute figures was observed in economic activities “Manufacturing” - 71 th., “Construction”- 35 th. and “Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles” - 22 thousands. In percentages the highest decrease was in “Construction” - 18.1% and “Other service activities” - 12.9%.

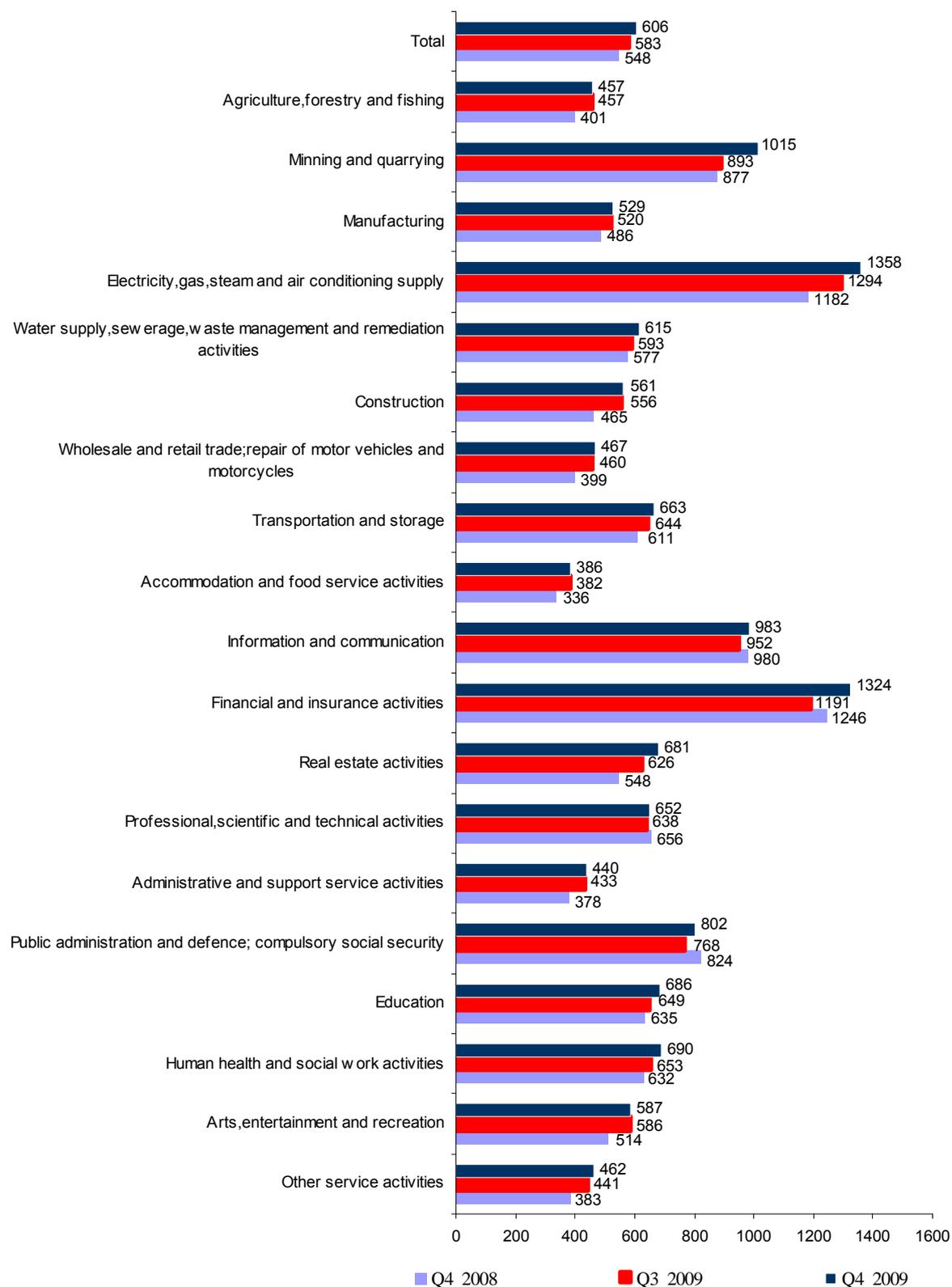
The average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract in December 2009 increased by 31 levs in nominal terms compared to September 2009.



¹ Since first quarter of 2009 the data are published according to the new classification of economic activities NACE rev. 2. Reclassified data for 2008 are available on the NSI official web page (http://www.nsi.bg/Labour_e/Labour_e.htm)

In the fourth quarter of 2009 in comparison with the third quarter of 2009 the average monthly wages and salaries increased by 3.9% getting 606 levs. The highest increase in wages and salaries was reported in “Mining and quarrying” - 13.7%, “Financial and insurance activities” - 11.2% and “Real estate activities” - 8.8%.

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities (BGN)



Compared to the fourth quarter of 2008 the average monthly wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2009 rose by 10.6%. The highest growth rates were recorded in economic activities: “Real estate activities” - 24.3% and “Construction” - 20.6%. Decrease in wages and salaries was observed in “Public administration and defence; compulsory social security” - 2.7% and “Professional, scientific and technical activities” - 0.6%.

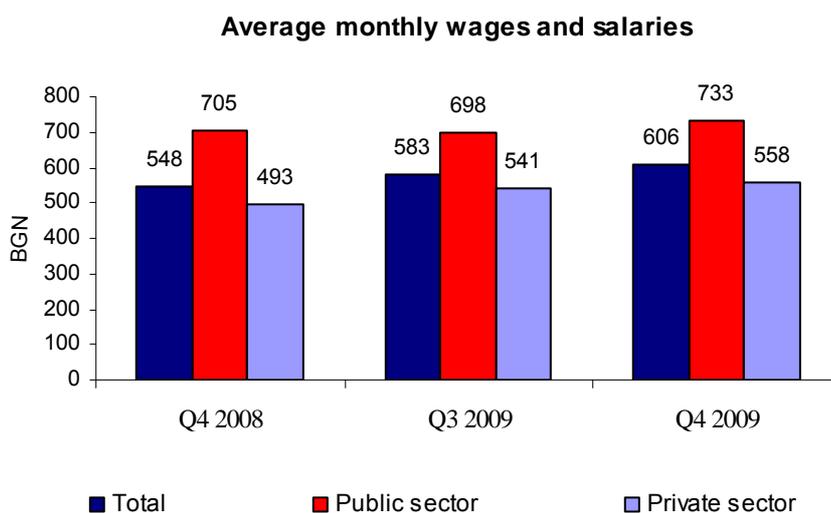
The economic activities with the highest wages and salaries in the fourth quarter of 2009 were:

- “Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply” - 1 358 levs
- “Financial and insurance activities” - 1 324 levs
- “Mining and quarrying” - 1 015 levs

The lowest wages and salaries were recorded in:

- “Accommodation and food service activities” - 386 levs
- “Administrative and support service activities” - 440 levs
- “Agriculture, forestry and fishing” - 457 levs.

In comparison with a year earlier the average monthly wages and salaries in public sector grew by 4.0%, while in private sector - by 13.2%.



Methodological notes

The source of information is the Quarterly Survey on employees, hours worked, wages and salaries, and other expenditures paid by the employer. It is sample survey which main purpose is to make a study of the current state and dynamics of some main aspects of labour market. The sample used for the survey is a stratified random sample without replacement. Stratification criteria used include: economic activity (NACE rev.2), size of the enterprise (according to the number of employees) and regional breakdown (28 districts, NUTS3).

More methodological information on the quarterly survey and data could be found on NSI official web page – http://www.nsi.bg/Labour_e/Labour_e.htm.

Table 1

Employees under labour contract at the end of the month by economic activities in 2009*

Economic activity	October	November	(Numbers) December
Total	2307846	2281140	2254029
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	64759	61185	56288
Mining and quarrying	26623	26533	26194
Manufacturing	539512	530349	521660
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	32655	32568	32481
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	30512	30489	30307
Construction	171487	166208	160102
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	427809	427214	426520
Transportation and storage	133240	132342	131214
Accommodation and food service activities	97308	93223	93771
Information and communication	54942	54809	54408
Financial and insurance activities	50261	50410	50380
Real estate activities	17735	17447	17354
Professional, scientific and technical activities	69342	69006	68582
Administrative and support service activities	103092	101817	100120
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	128523	127730	125365
Education	173169	173165	172571
Human health and social work activities	130529	130679	130382
Arts, entertainment and recreation	28157	27921	28231
Other service activities	28191	28045	28099

*Preliminary data

Table 2

Average monthly wages and salaries of the employees under labour contract by economic activities in 2009*

Economic activity	October	November	(BGN) December
Total	594	600	625
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	452	453	467
Mining and quarrying	987	961	1098
Manufacturing	525	527	536
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1345	1316	1414
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	597	604	642
Construction	557	575	552
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	458	461	480
Transportation and storage	645	667	678
Accommodation and food service activities	381	379	397
Information and communication	967	952	1030
Financial and insurance activities	1215	1330	1426
Real estate activities	651	682	712
Professional, scientific and technical activities	646	635	675
Administrative and support service activities	431	431	458
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	769	826	810
Education	689	635	734
Human health and social work activities	674	689	707
Arts, entertainment and recreation	582	583	597
Other service activities	450	456	480

*Preliminary data